T. V. programmes depicting handicapped people in mocking manner

286. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some T. V. programmes had depicted handicapped people and mentally retarded people in a mocking manner;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines existing to prevent such depiction; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that such scenes or roles are not aired?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No such case has come to notice.

(b) and (c) The overall guideline observed by Doordarshan in the programmes on the handicapped is to emphasise that given proper care and opportunity, they are fully capable of looking after themselves and to serve as useful members of the society. The programmes depicting the handicapped in an unfavourable light are scrupulously avoided.

Migration of Sindhis from Pakistan to India

287. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Sindhis from Pakistan have migrated to India recently;

(b) if so, what is their total number so far and what steps Government have taken for their rehabilitation indicating the expenditure incurred till July, 1990;

(c) whether Government of India have taken up this matter with the Government of Pakistan in order to know the circumstances which led to such a large scale migration of Sindhis to our country so that a similar situation may not arise in future; and

(d) by when, Government are contemplating to send them back to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) No. The Government however, are aware that persons belonging to minority communities in Pakistan especially Sindhis have been coming to India for some time on valid short term visas. Extensions of stay are granted on merits. Since they are all self-supporting there is no question of framing any rehabilitation plans for them.

(b) The developments in Pakistan are an internal affairs of that country and Government of India would not interfere.

(c) Since these persons are self-supporting and as long as they do not pose any problem the Government do not have any plans to formally send them back to Pakistan.

Smuggling of children to gulf countries

288. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the smuggling of children to the Gulf countries for Camel races has increased during the last six months; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to check the smuggling of children to the Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and